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SUBJ: SHIPS BUNKERS

1. EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED CURRENT BUNKERING SITUATION WITH TRANSPORT MINISTRY, FONOFF, AND JAPAN SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION (JSA). CONSENSUS IS THAT BUNKER SUPPLIES IN JAPANESE PORTS SHOULD BE ADEQUATE TO MEET MOST IF NOT ALL REQUIREMENTS DURING JANUARY. JSA HAS ESTIMATED THAT JANUARY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VESSELS WILL TOTAL 1,800,000 KILOLITERS, INCLUDING 400,000 KILOLITERS FOR JAPANESE TANKERS, AND IT HAS PRESSED PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION REFINERS TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS. JSA CONFIDENT THAT TANKER NEEDS WILL BE MET IN FULL AND HOPEFUL THAT AT LEAST 90 PERCENT OF OTHER REQUIREMENTS CAN BE PROVIDED.

2. ON GOVERNMENT SIDE, FONOFF AND MOT OFFICIALS BELIEVE SUPPLY SITUATION FOR JANUARY QTE FAIRLY GOOD UNQTE AND THEY GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC FOR FUTURE AS RESULT OF AOPEC DECISION TO CLASSIFY JAPAN AMONG QTE FRIENDLY COUNTRIES UNQTE. THEY NOTED THAT CABINET DECISION ON OVERALL MEASURES TO BE TAK*N UNDER NEW PETROLEUM SUPPLY ADJUSTMENT ACT HAD BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL ABOUT JAN 10 TO GIVE MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITY TO REASSESS SITUATION IN LIGHT OF AOPEC DECISION (SEE TOKYO 16651). FOLLOWING CABINET DECISION MINISTRIES CONCERNED WILL, AS APPROPRIATE, PROMULGATE SPECIFIC MEASURES RELATING TO SUPPLY AND

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DISTRIBUTION OF OIL PRODUCTS. NEITHER FONOFF NOR MOT

OFFICIALS WERE PREPARED TO SPECULATE ON NATURE OF SUCH
MEASURES, OBSERVING THAT SITUATION STILL VERY UNCLEAR AT
PRESENT.
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